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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of

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For: FILTER CLOTH AND REPLACEABLE FILTER MODULE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the December 19, 2002 Office Action and the March 17, 2003 personal interview, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 7 and 11-13 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A filter cloth composed of a plurality of yarns in the transverse and the longitudinal directions, the filter cloth comprising a filtering portion having a structure and density according to desired filtering characteristics for separating liquid from a mixture consisting of solids and liquid, and which filter cloth is further to be arranged against a filtering element in a filtering apparatus, and an underside of the filter cloth, i.e., a portion facing the filtering element, comprises substantially parallel yarns that are thicker than the rest of the yarns of the cloth, and that the thicker yarns are placed at predetermined intervals defined by the other yarns of the filter cloth extending parallel thereto to form parallel channels therebetween to enable the filtered liquid to flow in the